



For more than 40 years, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging has been the leader in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for all seniors. Thanks to ongoing support from Vermont towns in which CVAA provides services, CVAA has been able to provide information, support, and advocacy to seniors and caregivers across four counties. The non-profit organization empowers seniors and their caregivers to use their voices, find solutions, and obtain services that help them lead the lives they choose.

### **Meals On Wheels**

For many seniors, Meals on Wheels is literally the difference between remaining in their own homes and needing to relocate to a nursing facility. The nutritious meal, friendly visit, and safety check help seniors cope with the largest threats of aging: hunger, isolation, and loss of independence. When seniors have the right support they gain greater quality of life, need fewer hospital stays and live longer. CVAA conducts more than 245,000 visits through Meals on Wheels each year.

### **Fitness & Wellness**

Physical activity and healthy diets prevent many chronic diseases and helps seniors with a chronic disease or condition manage their health. CVAA's programs keep more than 6,000 seniors each year active and engaged socially, which supports physical, intellectual, and emotional wellbeing. Seniors in Vermont towns increase their strength and reduce their risk of illness and injury by participating in CVAA's programs, including Tai Chi for Arthritis, yoga, strength training, line dancing, balance classes, walking clubs, and other fitness programs for seniors of all abilities. More than 2,500 seniors engage in social and physical activities through CVAA programs each year.

### **Nutrition Counseling**

Seniors are often released from medical care without any follow-up or oversight. CVAA's registered dietitians guide the diets of seniors, ensuring they are in accordance with doctor's recommendations and healthy living standards. With the right diet and knowledge of healthy eating practices, seniors can remain healthy and independent. CVAA's nutrition program supported more than 5,000 seniors last year.

### **Case Management**

CVAA empowers seniors to live independently at home. CVAA Case Management offers professional assistance to help more than 2,000 seniors each year access the services they need in order to remain as independent as possible. Case Managers are experts in all programs, services, and benefits available to seniors in Vermont. Case managers provide seniors, family members, and caregivers with information about programs and services available, and they provide guidance that empowers individuals to make important decisions and take decisive action.

### **Senior HelpLine**

CVAA's Senior HelpLine is a toll-free, confidential service providing information, referrals, and assistance on community and statewide programs for seniors. Seniors and their caregivers are often overwhelmed by choices and responsibilities, and the HelpLine staff provides reassurances, guidance, support, and empathy from real people, and helps seniors find solutions to any situation. The HelpLine can be reached at 1-800-642-5119.



## Child Care Resource

October 30, 2015

Select Board  
P.O. Box 67  
Jericho, Vt. 05465

Dear Select Board Members:

I am writing to request \$ 100 to support our Child Care Referral Service for low-income families who live in the Town of Jericho. Attached is a one page description of our CCR that can be used for the Jericho Annual Report.

Child Care Resource is a non-profit human service organization that helps families and providers make child care connections, strengthens early learning opportunities, and creates child care solutions for communities. CCR strives to ensure that children birth through age twelve are developing to their full potential and are well-prepared for school and life.

Our mission is to lead our community in making early care and education work. We work toward the day when:

- Every child in our community has early care and education to fully support their needs.
- Every family member and early childhood educator has the knowledge, skills, and resources to fully support children's needs.
- Our community fully embraces early care and education as an integral part of our economy and society.

In the last year, 1,540 families received help searching for child care either through our phone service or on-line search available at [www.childcareresource.org](http://www.childcareresource.org). Of these, 42 (2.7%) resided in Jericho. Twenty-one called us and 21 used our on-line child care search. Of those who called, 62% were low-income families.

Our Child Care Referral Service is the only place in Chittenden County where families can get comprehensive child care consultation and referral services. The service is available to all families in Chittenden County by phone five days per week from 8:30 to 4:30. Parents can search for basic child care information on our website at [www.childcareresource.org](http://www.childcareresource.org). Through the service, we help families increase their knowledge about child care and work through the emotional and practical aspects of choosing the best match available. By helping families find child care, we assure their ability to go to

work and be productive. By helping them choose wisely, we contribute to the quality of children's daily lives and ultimately, to the quality of their childhood. Children who spend their preschool years in quality child care will be ready to learn when they enter school.

In the past year, 178 parents completed our survey:

- 98% said that the Referral Specialist was able to answer their questions.
- 92% found the information they received to be helpful.
- 95% said that the service saved them time.
- 90% found the service overall to be helpful.
- 97% said they would consider using the service again.

Our FY16 budget for this service is \$98,767. The revenue needed to support the budget comes from State of Vermont funds, contracts with employers, user fees, and the support of local communities. We are committed to making this service available to all families in our community regardless of income.

We have appreciated the support of the Town of Jericho since 1996. Thank you for considering this request once again. I look forward to answering any further questions you may have about this request.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Meyer  
Executive Director



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We are dedicated to:

- Holding the best interest of children and families at the heart of what we do.
- Empowering families to meet their needs for early care and education.
- Building supportive relationships through respect, openness, understanding, integrity, and clear communication.
- Embracing diversity within our organization and our community.
- Responding to changing community needs with innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness.
- Exercising wise stewardship of our human and financial resources.

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We greatly appreciate Jericho's continuing support. For more information, please contact any of our services call 863-3367 or visit our website at [www.childcareresource.org](http://www.childcareresource.org).

***Getting you where you need to go!***

October 20, 2014

Paula Carrier  
Town of Jericho  
PO Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465

Re: CCTA FY16 Funding Request

Dear Ms. Carrier,

***The Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) respectfully requests funding in the amount of \$3,000 from the Town of Jericho in support of the Jeffersonville Commuter route.***

The Jeffersonville Commuter route has now been in operation for a full year (service began October 14, 2013) and is performing well. Please see the attached route update for detailed ridership information.

The first three years of Jeffersonville Commuter service are being paid for with a federal grant (CMAQ grant) covering 80% of the cost and state funds covering the remaining 20%. To show a commitment to the service, CCTA asked the towns of Jericho, Underhill, and Cambridge to each contribute \$3,000 in each of the first three years of operation. Jericho contributed \$3,000 towards the route in FY14 and FY15 and this request marks the third and final \$3,000 funding request. Because the State funding for the route will end in FY16, beginning in FY17, CCTA's annual request will reflect the full 20% local match for the route, of which Jericho's share is estimated to be about \$14,000.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to complete CCTA's FY16 funding request of \$3,000 for the Jeffersonville Commuter.

Sincerely,



Meredith Birkett  
Director of Service Development

*The mission of CCTA is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in the Northwest and Central Vermont region that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.*



November 6, 2015

Town of Jericho  
PO Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465  
ATTN: Paula Carrier

Ms. Carrier,

The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf respectfully requests \$500 to support the services that we offer to those residents from the Town of Jericho who are in need. This support from the Town of Jericho will go a long way towards ensuring that we are able to continue to meet the constant demand for our programming and food assistance services in the coming fiscal year.

During FY15 (10/01/2014 - 9/30/2015), 87 Jericho households accessed the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf's vital hunger relief services. These households were able to take home free groceries, hot meals, and fresh produce from our organization. These visits included trips to pick up a five-to-seven day supply of groceries and/or a daily distribution of fresh bread, ready-to-eat meals and fresh produce.

The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf works to alleviate hunger in our community by feeding people and cultivating opportunity. The largest program of the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf is our grocery distribution program. This program provides our clients with a five-to-seven day supply of groceries once per month and a daily distribution of fresh bread and produce. We also operate the county's largest soup kitchen which serves seven hot, buffet-style meals per week. The Food Shelf also runs the Homebound Grocery Delivery Program which serves senior citizens, people with disabilities, and those with mobility issues who are unable to leave their homes. Each month, through this program, staff and volunteers deliver groceries to approximately 150 homebound clients. To further our mission of cultivating opportunities for people living in poverty, the Food Shelf also operates the Community Kitchen Academy program. This program, operated in partnership with the Vermont Foodbank since 2009, is a culinary job training program that teaches unemployed adults new skills. Through the course of their training, students hone their new skills by cooking meals and packaging foods for low-income clients accessing the Food Shelf. The Food Shelf's newest program, the Good Food Truck, works to provide free, nutritious meals to low-income households in Chittenden County while providing on-the-job internships to CKA students.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (802) 881-8214 or [kساunders@cvoeo.org](mailto:kساunders@cvoeo.org) if you have any questions or would like more information. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Kelly Saunders,  
Community Engagement Manager



# CUSI

## *Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations*

50 Cherry Street, Suite 102

Burlington, VT 05401

Phone: (802) 652-6800

Fax: (802) 652-4167

November 2, 2015

Todd Odit and Jericho Select Board  
Town of Jericho  
P.O. Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465

Dear Todd and Jericho Select Board,

**The Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI)** is responsible for the investigation of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and child fatalities in Chittenden County. If you have seen the news these past months you will understand that the battle is becoming more multifaceted including the opiate scourge and mental health issues though the resources remain stretched. In order to sustain the success of our investigative work and support to victims and families, CUSI relies on two types of contributions from towns/municipalities in Chittenden County as detailed below:

- *Financial contributions:* CUSI's projected operating budget for FY17 is almost \$99,000 which is fully funded via non-officer/personnel contributing towns/municipalities. The amount of financial support required per town/municipality is based upon overall population of Chittenden County.
- *In-kind/personnel contributions:* CUSI receives close to \$1,040,000 annually including personnel, benefits, vehicles, overtime, etc. which is funded via officer contributing towns/municipalities. These officer contributing towns/municipalities include: *Burlington, Essex, Colchester, South Burlington, Winooski, and the Vermont State Police.* In addition, other agencies contributing in-kind personnel include the Department of Children and Families and the Chittenden County States Attorney's office.

Currently our funding formula is based on population, although we are pleased to say that a Legislative Funding Study Committee has been formed to explore different funding options for SIU's around state. In the interim, the reality is that the financial difference is absorbed by contributing towns. It is critical that non-officer contributing towns provide the required financial contribution to sustain the important work we do daily. The investigations are becoming more challenging and the aftermath has proven to be devastating in severe child abuse cases, hence...the funding is even more critical! When CUSI does not receive full payment from the non-officer contributing towns in the county; there is a direct impact on the work we do.

*The assessment for the Town of Jericho is: **\$7,640.00 for fiscal year 2017.***

As always we are very grateful for your investment and we thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Veronica Rathgeb  
Executive Director  
CUSI/Chittenden Children's Advocacy Center



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PO Box 1616  
Burlington, Vermont 05402

Tel: 802 864-7402

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[www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org)

November 4, 2015

Ms. Paula Carrier  
Town of Jericho  
PO Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465

Dear Ms. Carrier:

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) would like to request a grant for **\$750** from the Town of Jericho to provide homeless Chittenden County residents (including those from Hinesburg) with a safe place to stay and help getting back on their feet, and to provide support to others who are struggling to avoid homelessness.

During the past year, across all of our services, COTS assisted nearly 2,800 people (including 849 children) through shelter, outreach, prevention services, and transitional and permanent housing. Of that number there were **9 Jericho residents** who received emergency shelter or homeless prevention services. The number of Jericho residents served by COTS may be even higher; given the transient nature of some of our clients we sometimes do not have a complete picture of their place of former residence. As an example, a family that has lost its housing in one town might have lived in multiple places temporarily before coming to COTS. During our intake, they may list the most recent town where they lived, rather than the town where they had permanent housing.

The lack of affordable housing is one of the most significant factors contributing to homelessness in our area. Chittenden County has a severe shortage of affordable housing, making it one of the most difficult places in the nation for low to moderate income families to find homes they can afford. The 2015 Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Chittenden County is \$1,328 per month. To afford that, without paying more than the recommended 30 percent of their income on housing, renters must make \$53,123 annually (or \$25.54 an hour) – far beyond the grasp of many working households. Typical renter households in our area allocate more than 44 percent of their total income to housing costs. With such a large portion of their salary dedicated to housing, families have little or no savings in case of an emergency or change in employment status.





On any given day, there are thousands of working households in our area struggling to make ends meet as wages stagnate and rents continue to rise. One unforeseen expense, like a major car repair or a medical emergency, precipitates a financial crisis that within months can spiral into homelessness. For more than three decades, COTS has been the safety net for Vermont's most vulnerable residents.

Our work at COTS is to stabilize households who become homeless and to help prevent it from happening in the first place. In our last fiscal year:

- We provided a safe, warm place to stay for **61 families** (including 108 children) at our emergency family shelters;
- We served **665 individuals** at our Daystation, a daytime shelter offering a free daily meal and access to additional support services;
- Our case management team provided outreach and support for **175 individuals** and **167 families** in shelter and the community;
- Our Housing Resource Center (HRC) helped **423 low-income households** (925 individuals; 367 of whom were children) experiencing financial crisis avert homelessness and stay in their housing or become rapidly rehoused;
- COTS provided overnight emergency shelter and a refuge from the streets for **234 individuals**.

We greatly appreciate past assistance from the Town of Jericho, which helps ensure that our programs remain open and available to homeless children and adults with no place left to turn. We respectfully request your support once again as we continue to serve those in our community who are homeless or who are at great risk of becoming homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Becky Holt  
Director of Development

*Many, many thanks  
for your past support.  
We are grateful for your  
consideration of this  
request.*



## **ESSEX RESCUE, INC.**

**1 Educational Drive**

**Essex Junction, VT 05452**

**Phone (802) 878-4859 Fax (802) 878-1246**

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October 28, 2015

Attn: Paula Carrier  
Town of Jericho  
PO Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465

Dear Ms. Carrier;

I am writing in response to your letter of September 11, 2015 asking for budget information. Essex Rescue respectfully requests funding from the Town of Jericho in the amount of \$13,000 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

From the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, Essex Rescue responded to 243 emergency medical calls in Jericho (an 8+% increase over the prior year) for the population of about 4035 persons we provide primary 9-1-1 service to. Of these responses, 79 (a nearly 44% increase over the prior year) did not result in a patient being transported. For non-transport calls, we have no opportunity to recover the cost of the response from a patient's insurance.

As we have discussed with your Selectboard in past years, Essex Rescue is working with all of our covered towns to move to a common per capita subsidy rate of around \$3.87 by 2019. We greatly appreciate Jericho's cooperation in continuing to move towards this rate. The \$13,000 figure moves Jericho to about \$3.22 per capita for the estimated population of 4035 persons we cover.

I respectfully request the opportunity to update your Selectboard on our financial status and operations as they relate to the Town of Jericho as part of the Town's budget planning process. In the interim, I am also enclosing a copy of an Essex Rescue report for your town's annual report. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Manz, Executive Director

*Volunteers in service since 1971*

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### **Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) Activities for FY 2015**

Over the past year the Town of Jericho and its residents have benefited in several ways from GBIC's initiatives. GBIC has worked with value-added and manufacturing businesses located in the region to facilitate their growth, and to ensure that their needs are met so that they are able to continue to provide high-paying jobs in Chittenden County. GBIC continues to work with the state and local government to strengthen the local economy and provide jobs for all residents.

GBIC also continued to work closely in cooperation with Vermont Technology Council and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technology (VCET) to develop the young businesses with dynamic growth potential to provide the future job opportunities for Jericho and the region.

GBIC has worked on many initiatives for the benefit of our County and our region. In partnership with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, GBIC updated the new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Chittenden County. Updating the CEDS makes our county EDA compliant and potentially enables Chittenden County organizations and municipalities to apply for and receive up to 50% federal funding for projects that directly aid and support economic development. Working closely with municipalities and communities to ensure the inclusion of qualifying projects is an important component of building a meaningful CEDS.

### **Regional Contacts**

During the past year GBIC conducted **138 visits/contacts** with our region's high value-added businesses and essential organizations and institutions critical to economic development in Northwestern Vermont and statewide. Our business visits/contacts during the past twelve months involved companies employing over **20,000** Vermonters.

### **Vermont Training Program**

GBIC facilitated the award of **12 grant contracts** from the Vermont Training Program with Chittenden County businesses. These contracts served to train new employees and retrain incumbent workers, and greatly contributed to our continued regional economic development.

### **Vermont Economic Development Authority**

In FY15, **31** area businesses applied to VEDA for financing, resulting in over **\$9 million** dollars worth of VEDA commercial loans being closed in Chittenden County.



## **Vermont Employment Growth Incentive Program**

In FY15, GBIC facilitated, through the Vermont Economic Progress Council, the approval of Vermont Employment Growth Incentive awards totaling over **\$2.9 million for six businesses** in the Chittenden County region.

## **Government Affairs**

The vibrant partnership between GBIC and the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to provide top notch legislative advocacy for the economic backbone of our region. In addition to tracking and providing input on issues, we proposed a number of ideas to help our region, our employers and their employees succeed. We are pleased to report that many of those ideas were not only enacted, but embraced by the Legislature.



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## **GBIC Vision**

***“A thriving Lake Champlain region with an economic environment providing meaningful employment consistent with an uncompromised natural environment, enabling present and future generations of Vermonters to live, learn, work, and play in the Champlain Valley.”***

## **GBIC Mission**

***“To attract, retain, and expand environmentally sensitive high-paying jobs in the Champlain Valley; and to initiate and support advocacy, education, and collaboration programs in promoting our Vision.”***

The Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation ~ GBIC ~ is a non-profit economic development corporation. In 1954, fifty municipal officials and civic leaders from the Greater Burlington area incorporated GBIC in response to an Act of the Vermont Legislature. As a group of citizens interested in creating quality economic opportunities for future generations in Chittenden County, the founders represented a remarkable commitment and consensus around economic development.

Like each of the state’s twelve Regional Economic Development Corporations (RDCs), GBIC is affiliated with the Vermont Department of Economic Development and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. In addition, GBIC works closely with state officials and others to help sustain a positive business climate and provide support in such areas as the labor and housing markets, business financing, education, export assistance, transportation, growth planning and development issues, and environmental concerns.

GBIC is the RDC responsible for Chittenden County. Chittenden County is Vermont’s largest county and it has the state’s most significant and diverse demographic and economic base. Since its founding, GBIC has served as a catalyst for economic opportunity in Chittenden County, helping local businesses with their concerns and working to attract new business investments and high value-added employment opportunities to the region. GBIC’s efforts have provided quality economic opportunities and jobs for thousands of Vermonters. Because of the region’s size and scope, GBIC is a vital partner in Vermont’s overall economic development.

GBIC has developed seven industrial parks and operates a Foreign-Trade Zone in the Chittenden County region. GBIC has played an important role in assisting in the creation and retention of thousands of new jobs in the value-added industry sectors, which have in turn paved the way for thousands of additional supporting jobs in the wholesale, retail, and service trades. This underscores the focus of GBIC on value-adding industries. The primary goal of GBIC is the creation and retention of value-added jobs that will draw dollars into the state, strengthen the region’s economy and improve the quality of life for area



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residents. The economic focus of GBIC is the region's value-added industry sectors and the region's economy-driving businesses.

GBIC conducts annual visits to each municipality. Additionally each year, GBIC completes contacts/meetings with Chittenden County businesses. GBIC conducts continuous community outreach efforts with many organizations both regionally and statewide that affect economic and community development. This outreach includes the Vermont Technology Council, the Lake Champlain Regional Workforce Investment Board, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Champlain Initiative, the University of Vermont, the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies, and many others.

GBIC provides the following core economic development programs and services to the municipalities and value-added businesses of Chittenden County.

- Business Resource Forums
- Regional Promotion & Marketing
- Incentive Program Assistance
- Legislative & Gov't Advocacy
- Business Development Support
- Economic Incentives Assistance to Municipalities
- Permit Facilitation Services
- Business retention/expansion support
- VEDA Financing Assistance
- Workforce Education & Training
- Business Recruitment Services
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

## **Site Selection**

GBIC, with the assistance of its sister corporation, Cynosure, works with area developers and real estate brokers to find appropriate sites for companies. Cynosure independently owns, builds and leases manufacturing and value-added business properties within Chittenden County. GBIC introduces companies to new and existing properties and facilitates relationships with developers in the construction of facilities.

## **Networking**

Because enterprise growth also means economic growth, GBIC promotes business networking through value-added business roundtables, forums and working groups.

## **Financing Assistance**

GBIC assists businesses with researching and soliciting state and private financing for development projects in Chittenden County. As a Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) financing facilitator for Greater Burlington, GBIC educates prospects about loan opportunities and assists in the application process by working closely with commercial bankers and equity financing sources.



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## **Permit Assistance**

GBIC is familiar with Vermont's permitting system and works to create facilitation teams for all phases of important economic development projects. Based on successful economic development models, GBIC brings together consultants, local and regional officials, and community members to support important economic development projects at every stage of the permitting process.

## **Workforce Investment – Education and Training**

GBIC works with Vermont's business and education leaders to cultivate a pool of exemplary candidates for prospective employers. GBIC and the Chamber jointly oversee the operation of the Lake Champlain Workforce Collaborative (LCWC), a 25 member community collaborative composed of employers, educators, state agencies, and other stakeholders. The LCWC operates the Education and Training Division at the Chamber and GBIC and supports school-to-work initiatives, internship programs, the E-Learning Center for Business, and strategic long range planning for workforce development in our region. GBIC connects companies with other workforce development and training programs through the Vermont Department of Labor and the Vermont Training Program in the Vermont Department of Economic Development.

## **Overcoming Problems**

GBIC is an important resource and facilitator for Chittenden County value-added employers who need the expertise and services of an established participant in the Vermont economic development community.

## **Our Team**

Frank Cioffi  
President

[frank@vermont.org](mailto:frank@vermont.org)

Curt Carter  
Vice President

[curt@vermont.org](mailto:curt@vermont.org)

Seth Bowden  
Director of Business  
Development  
[seth@vermont.org](mailto:seth@vermont.org)



**HOWARD  
CENTER**  
Help is here.

October 22, 2015

Kim Mercer, Chair  
Jericho Selectboard  
P.O. Box 39  
67 VT Route 15  
Jericho, VT 05465

Dear Ms. Mercer:

Enclosed please find Howard Center's funding request to the Town of Jericho for FY2017. We respectfully request continued support from the Town of Jericho with a \$1,600 contribution.

During FY2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), Howard Center continued to provide social workers at Browns River Middle school and Mount Mansfield Union High School to address children's emotional and behavioral issues, promote their wellbeing, and support their academic success. Also, Howard Center's 24/7 crisis hotlines for children and adults experiencing mental health concerns and adults needing substance abuse detoxification services served Jericho and other Chittenden County communities. As well, 109 Jericho children, families, and adults formally received Howard Center services as clients.\*

<u>Program</u>	<u># of Clients</u>
Child and Family Services	53
Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	38
Developmental Services	27

In addition to providing critical services, Howard Center continues to seek new ways to address community needs. Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Our Street Outreach program was one of only 10 programs nationwide to be recognized as a Program of Excellence by the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, an initiative sponsored by Jackson Healthcare. One of our key partners, The University of Vermont Medical Center, nominated the program for its achievements in improving the health of the Burlington community.
- Our medication-assisted treatment program was the first in the nation to be recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a Patient-Centered Specialty Practice which acknowledges our demonstrated commitment to communication, coordination, and access to care. The South Prospect Street location also received a three-year accreditation—the highest level—from CARF International and three-year certification as an approved opiate program by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401  
T: 802.488.6900 | F: 802.488.6901  
[HowardCenter.org](http://HowardCenter.org)  
Member Agency of United Way of Chittenden County



- The Greater Burlington YMCA honored Howard Center with their annual award that recognizes Howard Center's "drive, dedication to mission and what they teach us all about the value of each and every member of our community."

- The Sally Fox Award, presented by the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation for outstanding contributions to child well-being in Vermont, was presented to Catherine Shahan, Director of Community Friends Mentoring Program and to Catherine Simonson, Chief Client Services Officer.

You can also find a copy of our FY2014 Annual Report at [http://www.howardcenter.org/assets/userfiles/files/40416\\_HC\\_webready.pdf](http://www.howardcenter.org/assets/userfiles/files/40416_HC_webready.pdf). The FY2015 Annual Report will be available in mid-December.

We are grateful for the Town's ongoing support and hope the Jericho Selectboard will continue to contribute to Howard Center's work in the community. If you have questions or need any additional information about our services, please contact Sarah Kruger in our Development and Communications Department at 488-6913 or [skruger@howardcenter.org](mailto:skruger@howardcenter.org).

Sincerely,



Bob Bick  
Chief Executive Officer

"These numbers do not include the thousands of individuals who receive support and services (particularly 24/7 crisis services) without officially enrolling as a client.

# JERICO CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

*P. O. Box 1106*  
Jericho Center, Vermont 05465

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BertLindh@AOL.COM

Jericho Select Board  
Town Hall, P. O. Box 67  
Jericho, Vt. 05465

October 22, 2015

## **SUBJECT: Proposed Budget Request** **Fiscal Year 2016 - Town Meeting March 2016**

We submit the following budget request for Town funding for the Jericho Center Cemetery for the budget year 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017, **Account No.: 10 - 62 - 523.010**

**Fiscal Year 2016 - Budget Request: \$ 4,750.00**

**This request asks an increase in Town funding to 50% of actual expenses. Due to lack of plot sales, more cremation burials (therefore - less income) and a large decrease in invested funds due to the changing stock market; we have cut back on cemetery work and ask the Town increase it's support by 10% to help keep the cemetery presentable. This total request is less than the last yearly request.**

The major annual expense is the lawn mowing cost. This is our major budget amount. We anticipate cost increases due to a larger mowing area and changing fuel prices.

Additional work excavation work is needed to clear stones from the middle area of the cemetery and do grade work. This effort provides a presentable landscape to cemetery visitors.

The balance of requested funds go toward annual repairs and small improvements. When we have donations of time and material towards these projects; we try to NOT to expend the full Town budget funds.

Town budget funds are an important resource for the cemetery. We work by the guideline, "even though the budget request is available, we will only spend funds on necessary expenses." Therefore funds may be left for the Select Board to use for other Town expenses..

We ask cooperation for this request to continue our service and to future needs of Town residents.

Cordially yours,



Bert Lindholm  
President



## ESSEX~JERICHO~UNDERHILL ECUMENICAL MINISTRY

November 03, 2015

Town of Jericho Select Board  
P.O. Box 39  
Jericho, Vermont 05465

Subject: Funding Request 2016 from Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry Food Shelf

Dear Select Board Members,

The Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry is a 501c3 nonprofit organization which serves residents of Essex, Jericho and Underhill who are in need of food and emergency aid. The organization is comprised of members of eleven churches and many other committed individuals from the towns we serve. Our board and all individuals who work at the food shelf are volunteers.

As you know the demand for food shelf services has steadily increased from year to year. Looking at recent demand data, we see the same trend:

**11/2014 thru 10/2015 we served 804 families**

We have every reason to believe demand will continue to increase in the foreseeable future considering the economy and unemployment rate.

We are fortunate to receive strong support from residents, school groups, service organizations and small businesses of our towns. This support comes in the form of frozen, canned and packaged food items along with fresh vegetables in season and monetary donations. These donations support more than 80% of the demand. This year we have found the need to buy food more often since donations have been down.

We are very grateful that the towns of Jericho and Underhill have contributed financially to our organization each year, and we hope that you will consider doing so again in 2016.

This year we are requesting that the towns of Jericho and Underhill each consider including a \$600 line item in their 2015 budgets for the Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry Food Shelf. Please help us to continue to support the needs of our neighbors.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Forrest Cochran  
President

**P.O. BOX 65 \* JERICHO \* VT \* 05465**

November 1, 2015

The Jericho Town Library's 2016-2017 proposed budget is enclosed for your review.

The 2014-2015 year was extremely productive with many changes for our library. Our long-term librarian resigned and we had a short window in which to hire a new librarian. The Board reviewed over twenty applicants and ultimately hired Colleen Korniak, who is energetic, innovative and extremely organized. She has developed many new programs, such as a Seed Lending Library, Garden Workshops, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Pizza Fridays, a weekly adult Craft Circle and October History Month, including a costumed Civil War talk and tours of Jericho Center and the Jericho Center Cemetery. Circulation of materials continues to be very strong and increasing. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, there were 8,651 materials circulated, compared to 8,139 in F.Y.E. 2014. We have close to 10,000 items in the collection after culling books that had not circulated in years or were out of date. This year our librarian has added over 300 new titles, as well as DVDs and audio books. There are over 113 new patrons who have registered for library cards. Colleen has made the library more welcoming, by offering coffee, tea and hot chocolate. She has also secured the donation of two new patron computers.

The library continued to have a very successful six-week Summer Reading Program with a variety of programs, speakers and events which were enjoyed by area children and teens. Our culminating celebration attracted hundreds of attendees. We were fortunate to have the Bread and Puppet Theater perform, as well as the Cleary Fire Dancers, local artists presenting activities for children, free popcorn and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. In addition to the librarian's regular duties, she spent numerous hours planning these programs and lining up volunteers. She also arranged for and procured the supplies and materials needed. The library offers a twice monthly writing group for adults and a Poetry Workshop during the month of April. Many children and families in our community enjoy all of these free special events. Our library works closely with DRML to insure that there are different events and programs at each location. Also we collaborate with the Jericho Center Preservation Association, Jericho Play Group, Jericho Community Center, Jericho Cemetery Commission, Jericho Conservation Commission and the Jericho Historical Society and host some of our community's committee meetings in our upstairs space.

In looking ahead, we have worked to establish a budget for 2016-2017 that reflects the usage and popularity of the library. Patrons continue to be pleased with the expanded library hours especially in the evenings and on Saturdays. In this budget we have proposed one more hour of administrative time per week as well as two hours per week for an administrative assistant (at a substantially lower salary) to help with the increasingly popular inter-library loan system. This amount of time will provide for a more productive work week for the librarian. We also plan to raise the librarian's salary by \$.50 per hour to make it more in line with, (but still below), the statewide average. In order for our library to meet state standards, our new librarian has five years to complete the Librarian Certification course provided by the State of Vermont. These classes are free and offered all over the state of Vermont and we are obligated to pay for time spent and travel expenses. Therefore we have included additional hours for substitute pay and the administrative assistant in our salary column. Supplies went up slightly to cover the

costs necessary to maintain the increased size of the collection. Therefore we have proposed a slight increase of \$100 to cover the increasing costs of events and supplies. Also, to meet Vermont's library standards, we must allocate 15% of our budget to the collection, thus increasing this line item by \$686. Heating, electricity and maintenance have also risen slightly, due to the recent extremely cold winter and the condition of our historic building. We overspent our heating budget last year, so we have increased it appropriately this year. Included in our budget is a new line item for Library Memberships as JTL belongs to the Green Mountain Library Consortium, One-Click Digital, and Listen Up, in partnership with DRML. Technology now includes the website fees reflected in the \$150 line item increase and the Postage line item includes the cost of our Post Office Box, thus eliminating the Mailbox and Website Fees line item.

The Board is doing its part by increasing the amount of funds we propose to raise in our fundraising efforts and hope to continue to make improvements to both floors of the library. Colleen has procured the services of a local Eagle Scout to build more book shelves for our ever increasing collection. This young man will donate his time and the supplies and materials needed for this project, therefore saving the Town and the Library this necessary expense.

We accomplished our 2014-2015 goal of installing wall-to wall carpeting in the children's story time area and making needed improvements to both floors of the library. Our goal for this coming year is to apply some of the fundraising donations to purchase furniture for the upstairs, such as a more appropriate boardroom table and perhaps some new pre-school chairs and tables for the Story Time craft area.

The Board of Trustees, the library staff, volunteers and patrons thank you for ensuring that this library remains the vibrant heart of our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Adams". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Barb Adams

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Jericho Town Library Chair

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To the Town of Jericho,

This is the formal request of the Jericho Youth League to continue receiving the greatly appreciated funding from the Town of Jericho in 2016.

2015 was yet another great year for the Jericho Youth League baseball program. Over 180 players were part of the town league plus we had another 12 girls combine with the Richmond softball league. The league also continued increasing our inter-town play for both on the baseball and softball leagues including the farm division. Both baseball divisions again represented Jericho well in the District 3 all-star tournament.

This year also came with further facility changes with the help of a few corporate sponsors and many, many local volunteers. Jericho Youth League continues to make further upgrades to the fields and more are planned for 2015 and 2016. This year league finally added more material to all three of the fields at Jericho Elementary School (JES) and did some additional needed work on the snack shack. We continue working with the JES Partners in Education (PIE) surrounding the grounds enhancements they are currently implementing as well as the Leagues own enhancement lists. Other notable items include JYL being one of 60% of the VT leagues to pass the safety standards set forth by Little League International, hosting umpire and coach's clinics during the year, and providing umpires for district and state championships. In 2016 we hope to host the District 3 U11 boy's baseball tournament in Jericho. Finally, we also continued enhancing the league website that can be found at [www.jerichoyouthleague.org](http://www.jerichoyouthleague.org).

Per capita Jericho continues to have the largest participation in the region, much in part to the support of our town and volunteers. 2015 was also the highest number of recorded "scholarships" yielded by the league to players in need of financial assistance; this is truly one of the direct benefits of the aid given by the town. Lastly, we partnered again with the Relay for Life assisting them in raising funds through the management of the snack shack.

The league would again like to thank the town for their continued support of the Jericho Youth League baseball program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Sean Luitjens at 899-3648 or [sean.luitjens@gmail.com](mailto:sean.luitjens@gmail.com)

**Sean Luitjens**